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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2001 which is now due for response on February 28, 2002 with a three-month extension of time, please substitute the following amended claims for the claims having the same claim number:

150. (Amended Once) A method for identifying a drug that enhances the ability of adjacent STAT protein dimers to interact comprising measuring the ability of a test compound to enhance the association of a first STAT protein or a fragment of said first STAT protein with a second